

Wm. Rockefeller's Big Private Park Chokes Life Out of Brandon Town

STORY OF OLIVER LAMORA, WHO BUCKED THE MILLIONAIRE IN THE HIGHEST COURTS OF NEW YORK — FORTY-ONE ARMED GUARDS CHASE TRESPASSERS OFF 52,000 ACRES OF POSTED LAND.

(By Maren E. Pew.)

Brandon, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The death knell is in the throat of poor, ramshackle Brandon. This desolate little American village, high up in the Adirondacks, once the heart of bustling activity, is fast preparing to give up the ghost, thus ending a five-year feud with Wm. Rockefeller, one of the world's richest men.

The court of appeals at Albany, handed down a decision the other day in the case of Wm. Rockefeller, plaintiff, vs. Oliver Lamora, defendant, sustaining the opinion of the supreme court that Oliver Lamora had thrice been guilty of setting his rheumatic feet upon a few yards of Wm. Rockefeller's 52,000 acres of Adirondack

"Rockefeller is protected by the private park law, which, in the interest of a few rich men, was pushed through the legislature. It makes it possible for a man to buy whole townships and, without fencing, make it private land. If Rockefeller's plans go through, a resident of this town would have to go 40 miles over the mountains to reach state land which, by trespassing over on Rockefeller's property, he might reach by covering seven miles."—Oliver Lamora.

"Seven years ago, in the midst of our prosperity, Wm. Rockefeller came into these parts and bought property around Bay Pond. He extended his holdings to our town line, and before we knew it, he had bought out the lumber camp. Business ceased. That

this is the way he told it to me: "I left the army an invalid and a few years later the government gave me a pension of \$34 a month which I still receive, never having been able to work. I set up my home here in Brandon, this very house that we now occupy. This became the liveliest lumbering town in the mountains. We have seen good and happy times here."

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property, and that said Oliver Lamora was therefore liable to forfeit to Wm. Rockefeller the sum of 15 cents for each offense and to pay the costs of the action.

No one in Albany paid much attention to this apparently trivial action. What are 15 cents lost or gained by Wm. Rockefeller? But the decision caused a panic in the town of Brandon. It spoiled awful defeat in the minds of those long-bested people.

The Deserted Village.

On what used to be the main street of Brandon, Oliver Lamora, a decrepit veteran of the civil war, who stood with his back to the road, looking at the houses that once made Brandon a prosperous and pretty village. To the south are the dreary remnants of the old Baptist church. The school house is rotten at its foundations. The Catholic church looks as if it would tumble in. Louis Robit laid still runs the Brandon hotel and tavern, but his trade is small and he is in debt. The depot is closed and boarded up. Seventeen persons, the last of the inhabitants of a harassed town, continue to inhabit the half dozen little cottages they purchased years ago with their savings, or built with their own hands.

Desolation reigns.

Lamora knows the whole story and

was a blow for many people left the town.

"One fellow, who said he was a lawyer, came to me. He said: 'Mr. Rockefeller doesn't want any people living around here. What will you sell your property for?'"

"I said: 'I want to live here, but I will sell for \$1,500.' He took an option for three weeks. When he returned he said the price was too high. I asked him to bid. He refused and then said: 'You had better make a reasonable price or we will law you out.' I told him to go ahead and I would give him the right of his life. I then raised my price to \$500."

Arrested For Trespass.

"One day I went down to the St. Regis river for trout, walked along a trail which had been an open highway for thirty years until Rockefeller bought the property. Rockefeller had armed guards patrolling his place. One of them came up to me and ordered me off. I refused to go. I was arrested, charged with trespassing. Three times I went on this land and three times I was arrested."

Fighting a Millionaire.

"When the case came up in the justice court I was dismissed. Rockefeller had New York lawyers to push me to the wall, but I had my savings from my pension. Then Rockefeller appealed to the county court and I beat him again. Then he carried the case to the supreme court and I was commanded to pay him not more than

poisonous liniment. She had no sound of the contents than she discovered the mistake.

Dr. F. P. Whitcomb was hastily summoned and after a few hours of hard work relieved Mrs. Rutherford of all danger and she is able to be out again.

TEAMSTER KILLED IN BURRO MOUNTAINS.

Manuel Olgier, a teamster in the employ of the Burro Mountain Copper company in the Burro Mountains, met with a fatal accident last Thursday. He was hauling timber down a rough trail when the brake chain broke throwing him to the ground and the wheels of the heavily laden wagon passing over his body. He died soon after. Deceased was formerly engaged in ranching on the Gila river and leaves a family to mourn his loss.

MIERA WILL ANSWER CATRON'S CONTENT NOTICE.

COUNCILMAN SHEET E. A. Miera, of the Sixth district composed of Santa Fe and Sandoval counties, whose seat in the legislative assembly is being contested by T. R. Catron, has filed his answer to the notice of contest with Mr. Catron, and testimony will be taken before Justice of the Peace Jose Ma. Garcia, at Santa Fe. The hearing had been set for yesterday but was postponed until today at the request of Mr. Catron. Miera in his answer asserts that he was legally elected to the position of councilman, and charges the contestant with collusion in altering republican ballots in Santa Fe.

ARIZONA BARBER COMMITTED TO INSANE ASYLUM.

Edward H. Gilbert was examined yesterday before the probate court as to his sanity and was ordered committed to the asylum, says the Tomb.

UNCLE'S HEIR REFUSES PAY FOR HIS WAKE

Blackmailing Practices Largely on Increase—Hero Dies in Abject Poverty.

BRUTAL BEGGAR CAUGHT PRACTISING BRUTALITY

Poverty and Suffering Rapidly on Increase in Great City's Crowded Tenement Quarters.

Special Correspondence.

New York, Dec. 15.—Three learned judges of the Appellate division of the supreme court have been called on to decide the amount to be paid by the executors of a deceased man on his "wake." Joseph McCullough, the legatee, under his uncle's will, objected to an item of \$71.25 for the "wake." But counsel for the executors argued that a wake was a funeral custom, and that the amount should be paid. The court, in a decision handed down yesterday, decided in favor of the executors, and ordered the legatee to pay the amount.

Novel Way of Advertising.

A novelty in the way of "window men" has been seen around Times Square during the past week. The "professor," as he calls himself, parades Broadway in evening clothes and an opera hat. His dress shirt is a brilliant white, and he wears a white waistcoat. He carries a small black bag in his left hand, and a small black bag in his right hand. He is a man of about 40 years of age, with a high forehead and a small mustache. He is a man of great energy and determination. He is a man of great energy and determination. He is a man of great energy and determination.

Black Hand Extends Operations.

The field of operations of the "black hand" is extending. Where formerly only Italians were victims, Americans are now daily complaining of the attentions of the "black hand" gang. A recent case of a prominent broker in the city received a demand for \$20,000, and the broker, who was a man of great energy and determination, was a man of great energy and determination.

Rockefeller Shuns It.

When Rockefeller journeyed to Bay Pond in his special car, the army of guards are drawn up about the lodge. They keep guard night and day over the millionaire, or two years, after the mysterious murder of his millionaire neighbor, Orlando P. Dexter, who was shot through the back by an unknown assassin as he was leaving his hunting lodge. Rockefeller did not visit the Adirondacks. For him self he gets very little out of his great possession, but he frequently sends parties of friends up to the mountains. Young Oliver Rockefeller spends a good deal of his time on the magnificent place.

Here Who Died in Poverty.

Cavale McManus, a young Irishman and herculean of the Sluagh district, has been saved from burial in the pauper's field by some poor Irish friends of his. At the time the Sluagh was buried she was an attendant in the hospital at North Brother Island. She had just come off duty and was walking along the sea wall when the burning steamer came up the river. When women and children were hurrying into the water this brave girl ran to the end of the island. She was a strong swimmer, and as she leaped the choppy waves, she saw a child sink. She dove and brought the little one ashore where others cared for it. After saving seven persons in this manner she fell exhausted and had to be taken to the hospital herself. For several days she was in a critical condition but recovered. Her story was reported by the press and she was awarded a bronze medal. Testimonials from foreign rulers were also received by her and one of them, from the Emperor of Germany, was found in the hospital in which the poor girl died. But this great attention soon died out and she was forgotten. Two weeks after the disaster she married James Craig, a "stevedore Jack." Later she became ill and all Craig's earnings were spent in doctors' bills. The end came when she died in the hospital. There were very few at her funeral and her history and gallant deeds are already forgotten.

Beggars Try Many Tricks.

The New York police mendicancy squad have again been restored and not a bit too soon for a quarter of the population seems to be living by begging and panhandling. Two thin, old, hunched men, one with a cane and the other three years, and both shivering with cold, were the regular with which a woman beggar worked on the sympathy of the people in a

fashionable street the other day. The suffering little ones excited sympathy. Hour after hour the woman walked up and down the street, the little ones crying in the biting wind, and occasional snow flurries. Children's society agents spoke to her and she commenced a trade of abuse against them. They took her to the police station and there satisfied the minds of the indifferent persons who followed to protest at the arrest by taking almost a handful of silver and copper from the woman's pockets. She had no less than \$4.50 in small change and admitted that she "rented" the children for begging purposes. The police are now determined to clear the streets of all classes of mendicants and especial watch will be kept in the great shopping districts during the coming holiday season. James Purkes, who is in charge of the mendicancy bureau of the charity organization society states that during the past week the number of beggars in the city has increased by four hundred per cent.

Destitution Rapidly on Increase.

Mendicancy conditions have assailed the city and the outlook for the very poor is anything but promising. All the east side tenements are largely overcrowded, rent high and food supplies more expensive than ever. To help to mitigate the sufferings of the poor during the coming dark days the New York association for improving the condition of the poor is working with a will. The work last year was the largest in its history. According to the president, R. Fulton Coffin, in order to relieve distress due to sickness, accident, death, loss of work, and similar causes, 2,927 families, representing 11,909 individuals were given prompt and adequate aid in their homes. In addition, 2,697 homeless men and women were helped largely through the collection application bureau. Fresh air relief was given to 23,000 over 6,000 of those most run down, receiving an average of ten days rest, good food and stimulating change. The great and important service, not only to the individual, but for the city, is a wholly nonsectarian and dependent upon voluntary gifts. The association deserves all the help it asks for and it is to be hoped the appeals will not go unanswered.

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BRUTAL MURDER OF NEWSBOY IN THEATER

Chicago: Angered because a newsboy sitting behind him vigorously applauded an act not to his liking, John Dunne, aged 50, said to be a state trooper, tonight jabbed the chest of a little boy, aged 10, the newsboy, and killed him.

The tragedy was enacted in the gallery of the Majestic theater while comedy reigned in the stage down in front.

The victim, suffering most intense pain, was hastily taken to the county hospital, but died as he was being lifted from the ambulance.

The steel point of the umbrella had penetrated the brain.

Koma, the newsboy, was of Jewish extraction and small for his age. He had enjoyed the vaudeville performance immensely and was generous with his applause to the extent that he annoyed Dunne very much.

The latter warned Koma once or twice to be more moderate in his applause and the third time turned and swiftly poked the umbrella in the boy's back. There was a gasp of horror and the injured boy was hastily removed by the ushers.

The audience thought it a small quarrel and the play went on without knowledge that murder had been done up in the dimly lighted gallery.

Dunne was arrested by Officer Howard Wacker and taken to the theater. He said the boy annoyed him by applauding a "turn" he did not approve of and to chastise him he jabbed him with the umbrella.

The ferrule was sunk into the boy's left eye to the depth of three inches, piercing the brain.

FEMALE SUFFRAGISTS CAUSE MORE DISTURBANCE

London: The female suffragists made another attempt Thursday to hold a meeting within the precincts of the house of commons, and as a result five women and one man were arrested after an exciting fight with the police.

The gathering was arranged by the women workers of Manchester and East London. The police were taken unawares, and some women got within the entrance to the house before their object was detected. The police finally barred the entrances, the women tried to hold their meeting in the palace yard. Constables were summoned to eject them.

The women fought wildly, scratching and kicking the officers, but were eventually compelled to give away. Those who persisted in relating were carried screaming to the nearest police station. A contest raged between Great Britain and the United States is signed.

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A Western Wonder.

There's a hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 800. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to die of consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure cough and cold cure. Guaranteed by all druggists. See and get. Trial bottle free.

DONALD RABER, FENIAN VETERAN DEAD.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The death of Donald Raber recalls the stirring episodes of the Fenian movement. Raber was born in Poland, Russia, in 1832, and came to this country in 1848, when he joined the Fenian army and fought in the Fenian war. In his younger days he took an interest in military matters and saw service during the Fenian war of 1866 as captain of the 14th battalion.

was a very close second, trotting in 2:19 3-10, 2:19 1-10.

KID MCCOY TO CHANGE HIS LINE OF BUSINESS

New York: Norman Kelly, who is known as "Kid McCoy," has found that the diamond and jewelry business is not to his taste, so it was announced today that he has retired from his position as president, director and stockholder of the Norman Kelly company, which last year opened a store at No. 1503 Broadway. It is added that he will soon enter the automobile trade, probably at Decatur.

INTERESTING EVENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

December 9.

1814—Bill for the annexation of Texas introduced in both houses of congress.

December 10.

1823—First general assembly of the people of New York consisting of two deputies for each village. Snyvogant unwilling to submit, but is unable to prevent it.

December 11.

1829—Pilgrim fathers disembark at Plymouth Rock and found a colony of 102 persons.

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1852—Battle of Fredericksburg. Gen. Burnside repulsed Federal loss, 12,844 killed, 9,500 wounded, and 17,000 missing; Confederate loss, 5,000 killed, 10,000 wounded, and 9,500 missing.

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1775—Eastern Indians sign a treaty of peace with the English.

December 16.

1875—The patent office and post office at Washington are burned.

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IRRIGATION COMMISSION HOLDS SESSION

Members at Work on a New Law—Other Matters of Interest.

The territorial irrigation commission met yesterday pursuant to adjournment from Thursday, Chairman A. N. Pratt, of Corvallis, presiding. The other members present were Arthur Peigman and David M. White, of Santa Fe; James E. McCarthy, of Farmington, and Higinio Chavez, of Roswell. Commissioner of Public Lands A. A. Rosen was at his post as ex-officio secretary.

Little was done at yesterday's session excepting the transaction of routine business such as the auditing of accounts. The meeting adjourned yesterday afternoon, whereupon the committee appointed to draft a new irrigation law was organized. This committee has been authorized to meet from day to day until the bill which it is proposed to have enacted into law at the coming session of the legislative assembly has been completed.

Attorney Charles F. Easley appeared before the commissioners yesterday and submitted the formal application of H. C. Abbott for the location and selection of 3,200 acres of land on behalf of the territory, located in township 25 north, ranges 24 and 25 east. He requested that this be substituted for the application which has been pending before the territorial irrigation commission for some time and not yet passed upon, and that the rate offered per acre be changed from 15 cents, as stated in the original application, to 1 cent.

At Thursday's session the secretary also submitted to the board a communication from the commissioner of public lands transmitting the application received from H. C. O. Burns in proper form for the location and selection of land on behalf of the territory of 6,240 acres of land in Socorro county, stating that it said application met with favorable consideration he would be pleased to recommend to the United States land commission the selection of said land as being valuable land for the territory to acquire and own in years to come.

On motion it was decided that all applications pending for the location and selection of land be deferred until the next meeting in order to allow the secretary ample time in which to prepare an abstract of all applications as heretofore authorized. The following resolution was then adopted:

Inasmuch as there is doubt as to whether this board has an authority to act in the recommendation of the selection of land for leasing, persons granted to the territory by act of congress of June 21, 1898, for the improvement of the Rio Grande in New Mexico, and for water reservoirs for irrigation purposes, that any action on the part of this board be deferred until its next regular meeting, and that the secretary of this board be and is hereby instructed to request an opinion from the honorable attorney general of New Mexico on the point involved.

The following is the financial statement of the territorial irrigation commission as submitted by Secretary Keen:

Balance on hand as shown by two balances of the meeting of June 15, 1905, to credit of water reservoirs for irrigation purposes, income fund, \$2,891.10.

Less vouchers numbered 24 to 26, inclusive, ordered paid at meeting of June 15, 1905, \$265.73; total, \$2,625.37.

Less vouchers drawn by David M. White, territorial auditor, for salaries, and on file with and paid by the territorial auditor, from June 30th to September 30th, 1905, inclusive, \$1,159.44; total, \$1,484.81.

Less 10 per cent of all moneys derived from lands granted to the territory of New Mexico for water reservoirs for irrigation purposes and for the improvement of the Rio Grande in New Mexico, credited to the "Bephant Butte Water Users' Association of New Mexico," in accordance with chapter 57, laws of 1905, from March 13, 1905, \$153.50; total, \$1,638.31.

Amount deposited with territorial auditor by the commissioner of public lands, \$793.

Amount on hand to credit of water reservoirs for irrigation purposes, income fund, \$60.

Improvement of the Rio Grande in New Mexico income fund, \$62.32.

Improvement of the Rio Grande in New Mexico permanent fund, \$1,922.84.

The secretary stated that there was on file with the No. 40) cashier's check of the First National bank of Santa Fe, No. 6726, \$300.

PLANS FOR THE PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY.

Washington, Dec. 17.—According to the proposed election law the coming Philippine assembly will consist of eighty-one members, each representing a population of 25,000. Today it was announced that the election would be held on July 1, 1907, and that the assembly would convene ninety days after the election. The delegates will be granted constitutional immunities and can hold an office. The assembly will make its own rules and elect a speaker and recorder.

COAL MINER KILLED IN WEAVER MINE.

Nithorel Jelenko, who was an employee of the Weaver mine was killed instantly Tuesday night by a fall of rock on him while at work, says the Gallup Republican. The deceased was about twenty years of age. The funeral was held Wednesday in the Sacred Heart church and the interment made in the Catholic cemetery.

JESSE CODEE AGAIN IN BAD LUCK.

Word received from Phoenix, Arizona, is to the effect that Jesse Codee, a former reporter for the New Mexican, now city editor of the Phoenix, met with another accident recently. It is claimed that the Y. M. C. A. basketball team at Phoenix and that he was killed while practicing in the gymnasium. Mr. Codee was thrown from a horse several months ago and was confined in a hospital for some time suffering from concussion of the brain.

Territorial Topics

IMPORTANT ARREST BY MOUNTED POLICE

Pedro Cosnina, who was arrested at Captain on December 7 by Mounted Officer L. F. Avard, now languishes in the county jail of Lincoln county. Cosnina was taken into custody on a charge of having robbed Timoteo Anaya of \$110. When apprehended \$60 of the stolen money was found. He confessed to the theft upon being arrested and was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$500.

SLATED FOR GOVERNOR OF TERRITORY OF ARIZONA.

It is reported from Phoenix that Hubert E. Morrison, the newly elected district attorney of Yavapai county, Arizona, and whose home is at Prescott, is slated to be the next governor of Arizona. Mr. Morrison is a son of Judge A. L. Morrison, of Santa Fe. Four years ago he was a candidate for delegate to congress from Arizona as the republican ticket and was only defeated by his democratic rival by a small majority.

SILVER CITY WOMAN TOOK POISON BY MISTAKE.

An accident which undoubtedly would have proved fatal, but for prompt medical attention, happened last Sunday afternoon to Mrs. O. B. Rutherford, says the Silver City Independent. The lady had intended taking medicine for some ailment, and accidentally picked up the wrong bottle, which contained some

stone prospector. Gilbert is a barber by trade and has worked in both Hobe and Tombstone. He was sent over to the hospital from Hobe a few weeks ago and since his confinement there has shown signs of mental aberration. On Monday night he became violent and attempted to break up the furnishings of that institution. He was finally overpowered and confined in a jail where he has since been confined.

PROMINENT HORTICULTURIST DIED IN MISSOURI.

News has been received in the territory of the death of John P. Wilelandy, a former well known resident of Santa Fe and at one time state horticulturist of Missouri. Mr. Wilelandy died on December 6 at St. James, Mo.

The deceased lived in Santa Fe for about ten or twelve years. He established the fruit ranch near that city, which was purchased from him about a year ago by David L. Miller. At the time of his demise he was 76 years of age. He was a native of Germany. There survive his two sons, Paul J. Wilelandy and Frank H. Wilelandy, and Miss Ella Wilelandy. The sons are prominent business men of St. Louis, officials of the Blackwell-Wilelandy Book and Stationery company.

Mr. Wilelandy left Santa Fe soon after disposing of his fruit ranch. His son went to Corpus Christi, Texas, from there he returned to St. James. He was an authority on matters horticultural and was a frequent contributor to newspapers and horticultural magazines.

Two barrels of furniture in addition to the already large Christmas consignments recently received by the Faber furniture store were unloaded at the salesrooms Saturday.